

Geollect Comment:

On 18 Feb 2020, the seaport of Tripoli, Libya was reported to have been attacked by several GRAD rockets.

Open source reporting showed images and videos of heavy smoke emanating from the commercial area of the port and stated that the Libyan National Army had targeted equipment being shipped by Turkey into the port in support of the General National Accord. Other sources claim that this was indiscriminate shelling of the area.

Open source images show identifiable features consistent with the buildings located at the port in satellite imagery before the incident (Figure 1), supporting evidence that an incident has occurred in the area.



Figure 1. Sentinel 2 Imagery 18 Feb 20, 10:01UTC



Image 2. Source: Twitter @LibyaReview

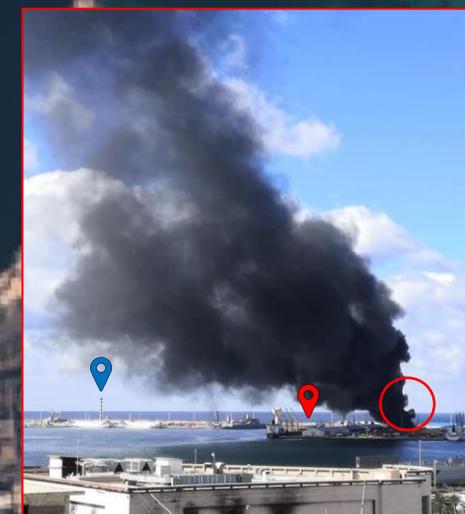


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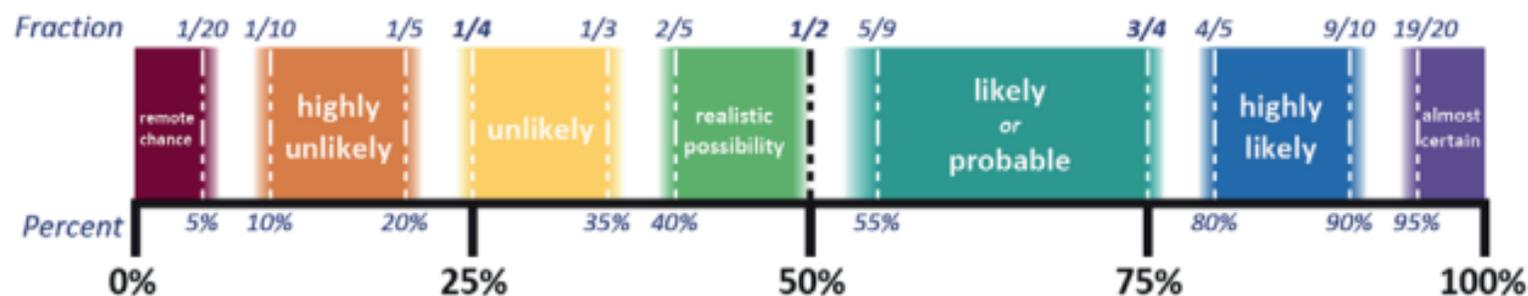
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Geollect Assessment: It is highly likely an incident has occurred at the port of Tripoli; the extent of damage is yet to be determined. There are regular reports of firearms and artillery targeting Tripoli over the past 12 months. It is likely that the heavy smoke shown in the images was caused by a rocket attack as reported, recently released video of the incident would also support this assessment (see link below).

<https://twitter.com/BenDoBrown/status/1229768940747972612?s=20>

It is highly likely that the port was targeted intentionally rather than indiscriminately, due to the port location being too far away from residential areas and no additional impact points are reported in areas other than the port.

Following this event, it is likely that Tripoli Port may be targeted in future to cause damage to port infrastructure and or any vessels that are suspected of transporting equipment by Turkey in support of the GNA.



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